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The Arrival of Big Red

DES buys hazmat vehicle

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Utah is better pre-
pared to respond to a
hazardous materials
incident thanks to a
new truck purchased
by the state's Hazard-
ous Materials Institute
(HMI).

The vehicle, dubbed "Big
Red" because of its exterior
decor, can respond to assist
local agencies in need of ad-
ditional equipment during a
hazmat incident.



DES's new \$42,000 hazmat truck is nicknamed "Big Red."

The \$42,000 truck and
equipment arrived at the
Utah Department of Public
Safety's Division of Emer-
gency Services and Home-
land Security (DES) in April.

It took six months to pro-
cure the truck and associated

equipment, which was paid
for with Fiscal Year 2004
State Homeland Security
Grant Program funds.

Big Red will be the muscle
that hauls all of DES's heavy

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From the Director

State gathering input on homeland security

We believe that homeland
security is a team effort, both
locally and nationally. At the
direction of Governor Jon M.
Huntsman, Jr., Commissioner
Robert L. Flowers is in the
process of revising the Utah
Homeland Security Strategic
Plan. He is currently gather-
ing information, reviewing plans and con-
ducting interviews that will be used to im-
prove our state strategy.

The process includes reaching out to local
and regional organizations for input and feed-
back. In order to accomplish this, Commis-
sioner Flowers and myself have already vis-
ited several regions in the state to discuss key



Verdi White

issues and gather detailed information. Our
meetings have included representatives from
a variety of organizations with a stake in
homeland security in our state, including,
police, fire, emergency management, EMS,
health, public works, private sector partners,
elected officials and other federal, state,
county and tribal representatives.

Information gathered from these meetings
with local representatives will be used to re-
vise the state's homeland security strategic
plan. It will be consistent with the federal
homeland security mission and remain sensi-
tive to the needs of local jurisdictions, where
keeping the homeland safe begins. We look
forward to working with locals from each
region in this important initiative.

Documentary to highlight public health's Bioterrorism response role

By **Cody Craynor**
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In early Summer 2005, the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) will broadcast a video documentary it has created entitled, "Battling Back: Taking on Bioterrorism in Utah."

The one-hour documentary will highlight the role of public health in emergency response, and is designed to educate the public about topics including the Strategic National Stockpile, epidemiology, laboratory testing capabilities, public information, training, and communications systems such as the Utah Notification and Information System (UNIS).

It also shows viewers what they can do before, during and after a public health emergency.

In addition to the documentary, the UDOH is generating a companion brochure that will be available statewide. The brochure can be used as a planning tool and provides space where individuals can write down important personal information.

Show times will be posted on the UDOH bioterrorism Web site at (www.health.utah.gov/bt) once they are available.

Interested in more information?

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Left: Rear view of truck. Above: Chlorine A Kit.

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trailers from training site to training site.

The vehicle and its accompanying equipment can also augment equipment used by local hazmat crews responding to hazmat incidents.

The equipment will be stored with one of the division's response trailers.

A decontamination trailer will also be available as additional hazmat response equipment.



Top: hazmat response equipment stored in side bins.



Spare air bottles for SCBAs.

Haz Cat Kits and personnel that can help identify unknown substances and be a resource for the requesting agency, will be available to tow the trailer to the scene of a hazmat incident.

Equipment includes chemical suits, deacon equipment, privacy tent, binoculars, gloves, boots and other reference ma-

terial to be used at or near the scene.

In addition, monitoring equipment, radiation detection equipment and Calibration Gas to calibrate monitors at the scene or during DES Regional Response Team visits is also included.

Response agencies needing this equipment may call the DES Hazardous Material Response Officer line at (801) 538-3745.

They may also call the DES Emergency Response Officer at (801) 538-3400.

FY 2005 Homeland Security Grants

	State Homeland Security Grant Program	Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program	Citizen Corps Program	Metropolitan Medical Response Program	Emergency Management Performance Grant	Totals
State Agency Allocation	\$2,609,265	\$948,824	\$33,125	\$0	\$1,548,715	\$5,139,929
Local Government Pass-Through	\$10,437,060	\$3,795,294	\$132,498	\$227,592	\$576,000	\$15,168,444
Total Program Amount	\$13,046,325	\$4,744,118	\$165,623	\$227,592	\$2,124,715	\$20,308,373

Homeland Security grant money for FY 2005 is being allocated throughout the state. Here's how funding is allocated under each program:

State Homeland Security Grant Program

- A minimum of 80% of funding has to be passed thru to local government.
- The Grant Advisory Board allocates funding to seven *Regional Response Teams*.
 - A base-plus-population formula is used (This has been consistent with the past three HLS grants).
 - 35% of funding is allocated by distributing it equally to each region for the number of counties that comprise the region.
 - 65% of funding is allocated by distributing it to each region based on the percentage of the state's population that resides in that region.
- After establishing the total allocation for each region, through the formula, the Grant Advisory Board re-allocated 3% from each region to fund the unmet needs of the statewide EOD teams.

Utah received \$20.3 million in homeland security grants from the federal government for FY 2005.

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Metropolitan Medical Response Grant Program

- There is a 100% pass-thru requirement.
 - Salt Lake City has been pre-identified by DHS/ODP as the recipient of the funding.
- Coordination must exist between Salt Lake City and DES to make sure that the state strategy is being considered and addressed with the work being done with the grant funding.

\$15 million of Utah's grant \$\$ will be passed to local governments.

Citizen Corps Grant Program

- There is no pass-thru requirement
 - Despite the lack of a requirement, 80% of funding will be passed-thru to existing and new Citizen Corps Councils at the local level.
- DES has forged a working relationship with the Utah Commission on Volunteers to plan and coordinate this program.
 - The Utah Commission on Volunteers will utilize 85% of the remaining funding (\$28,156).
 - DES will maintain 15% of the remaining funds (\$4,969) to offer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training to the citizens of Utah.

Emergency Management Performance Grant

- The only pass-thru requirement is that the State Emergency Management Agency receives 100% of the funding, if the agency is not also the SAA.
 - Despite the lack of a requirement, 27% of funding will be passed-thru to county, city and tribal emergency management agencies. (This is done on a competitive basis.)
- This program requires a 50% match.
 - Covered by local in-kind and DES state allocated general fund money.

Declaration Outlines State's Efforts to Comply With NIMS

By Derek Jensen

Division of Emergency Services & HL Security

State agencies are working to become compliant with the national standards recently established for managing emergency incidents and disasters.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is intended to provide a consistent, nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal government response agencies to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from incidents and disasters.

"We are committed to achieving this integration in Utah," said Verdi White, director of the Utah Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Services and Homeland Security. "Implementing NIMS protocols and procedures will ensure a seamless response to any major incident in our state."

Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 requires federal agencies to adopt NIMS.

HSPD-5 also mandates that by fiscal year 2005 state and local agencies adopt NIMS as a condition for

federal preparedness assistance.

"The fact that we are NIMS compliant will allow us to continue receiving important federal resources to improve our state's level of preparedness," White said.

The declaration, signed Dec. 22, 2004 by then Governor Olene Walker orders the following:

- "All [state] agencies which may be required to participate in the management of emergency incidents and disasters shall follow the National Incident management System as the model for preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergency incidents and disasters.
- "The Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Services, shall be the lead agency for determining overall state compliance with the requirements of NIMS and oversee the planning, training and implementation of NIMS within the state.
- "With assistance from the Division of Emergency Services, each state executive branch agency shall review its agency

Emergency Operations Plan to ensure compliance with the requirements of NIMS.

- "All state executive branch agencies shall maintain an internal inventory of resources that may be needed in the event of an emergency or disaster and shall establish a process that provides for the expeditious identification and procurement of external resources needed in an emergency or disaster."

DES and FEMA utilized NIMS following January's flooding in Southern Utah.

Following the NIMS model allowed both agencies to work together quickly and efficiently following the announcement of a presidential disaster declaration for public assistance in both Kane and Washington counties.

Officials from DES were smoothly incorporated into various functions in the FEMA/State Joint Field Office in St. George.

The continued implementation of NIMS will ensure Utah is better prepared for future disasters and major incidents.

Upcoming DES Training Classes

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Course Name	Date	Location
Emergency Planning	June 1-2	CANCELLED
Suicide Bombing Conf.	June 1-3	Davis County
Basic Public Info. Officer	June 7-9	Salt Lake City
Liability/Public Policy	June 15	Camp Williams
Special Needs Pop.	June 21-23	Salt Lake City
Engaging the Commun.	June 23-24	St. George
Basic ICS w/ NIMS	July 12	Camp Williams
CERT Train the Trainer	July 15-16	Vernal
Resource Management	July 19-20	Layton
Soft Target Awareness	July 26-29	Salt Lake City
Multi-Haz. Em. Planning	August 9-10	Camp Williams
ICS/EOC Interface	August 17	Camp Williams
Basic Public Info. Officer	Aug. 30-Sept. 1	Logan
Contingency Planning	Sept. 19-23	TBA

Register for classes online at www.des.utah.gov